

My name is Betsy Correa. I am a resident of Wethersfield, CT. I am part of Manos Unidas from New Britain.

I am in support of S.B. 284, an act which supports increasing Husky healthcare from age 8 to 18 for income eligible person to obtain medical insurance, regardless of their immigration status. It is an important step to make sure the immigrant community receives the necessary healthcare all need and deserve. Furthermore, we as a society need to expand healthcare for all of the family. Treating families holistically when it comes to healthcare is intrinsic to our society's welfare in general.

We all co-exist in this society with undocumented people who live among us. It is our duty as documented citizens to speak up, it is not a privilege it is a basic right to have access to healthcare. We will not function when there is a major part of society lacking basic needs. The part of society that is basically non existent when it comes to basic rights, beginning with healthcare. They are working while they are sick and are expected to perform optimally in suboptimal situations. They work tirelessly. Proper healthcare would help our society completely. When families are kept healthy, society will thrive. Especially, in these trying times with Covid and other debilitating illnesses. We need to help others get on there feet as thriving, hardworking members of our society.

I support S.B. 284 and I rest assured the committee will support and pass this legislation. I also ask the committee to work towards opening healthcare to all immigrants regardless of age.

Thank you, ahead of time,
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